PARSONS BEATS ODELL'S MEN

Plan to Put Off Election to Jan. 4 Defeatèd.

MIDNIGHT RECESS TAKEN.

Vote Was 322 to 288 on the First in the premises. Test of Strength.

Result, Taken on an Individual Rollcall of the County Committee, Received With a Tremendous Demonstration by the Parsons Men-The Vote Was to Substitute the Recess for Adtournment and Both Sides Were Called Adjournment to Wednesday Next Proposed to Await Decision on a So-Called Contest Fight Was Still On Over That at 1:15 A. M.

Herbert Parsons and his allies beat the Odell men in the Republican County Committee last night by a vote of 322 to 288, which defeated a motion to adjourn the annual election until January 4.

The vote was taken on an individual roll call and was not over until midnight. Then the committee took a recess for thirty minutes and prepared to sit all night if need be.

Until nearly midnight the Odellites fought to have the meeting adjourned. Expecting defeat if a vote was taken last night, they struggled for an adjournment for two weeks. The motive was the anticipation that if Odell came out with any sort of credit in the fight for the Speakership it would ence. strengthen him in his effort to retain control of the county organization.

Mr. Parsons and his friends knew all about this motive and were determined that nothing should prevent an immediate beginning of work to reorganize the county Republican body

Earlier in the day Mr. Parsons sent out a call for the district leaders to meet him at the Gilsey House. The call was not sent out until late on Wednesday night, and, as was learned yesterday afternoon, several of the leaders did not get their calls. In onsequence only about a dozen of them attended the conference asked for by Mr. Parsons. Apparently encouraged by the reports which came to them of the small response made to Mr. Parsons's call, the Odell men at the usual meeting of the executive committee, which always precedes in the afternoon the meeting of the county ttee, started their plot to hold off the election of Mr. Parsons.

Soon after the executive committee was order at the Fifth Avenue Hotel an Odell follower moved that a recommendation should be submitted to the meeting at night for the adjournment until Japary
4. This was opposed by many of Mr. Parsons's friends, among them being Lemuel Ely Quigg, who was present as the representative of Leader Gilman of the Nineteenth, as a step which was intended purely to bring about delay in order to give Odell a chance to build up his defences. The resolution for an adjournment was eventually carried by a vote of 18 to 15.

The members who voted for adjournment were Hines of the Second, Hoeninger of the Third, Levenson of the Fourth, Windolph of the Fleventh, Newstead of the Twelfth, Pegnam of the Fourteenth, Keenig of the Sixteenth, Lexow of the Twenty-second, McKee of the Twentythird. Pine of the Twenty-fourth, Alexander of the Twenty-sixth, Strasbourger of the Thirty-first, Newman of the Thirty-second, Ten Evck of the Thirty-fourth, Healy of

the Thirty-fifth and Germain of the Annex. The fifteen who stood by Mr. Parsons were, Mr. Parsons himself, Neal of the Thirtieth, Ciruber of the Twenty-first, Gunher of the Twenty-eighth, Shea of the Twentieth, Raymond of the Thirty-third, Wilson the Twenty-seventh, Henkel of the Eighteenth, Joveshoff of the Thirteenth, Van Cott of the Fifth, Quigg, representing the Sineteenth, Page of the Seventeenth, Merwin of the First, Eidman of the Tenth, and Wanmaker of the Fifteenth.

After this vote the executive committee took a recess. It was thought by the Odellites that the vote against Mr. Parsons would influence him to agree to the invitation which had been made to him on the previous day by Mr. Odell and William Halpin for a compromise. It is understood at during the recess Mr. Parsons was sons for the refusal. told that if he would consent to have a comounty committee and a compromise for candidate secretary no further effort would be made to carry out the executive committee's ecommendation for an adjournment. Mr. Parsons refused to listen to the advances, and the fight was on.

The Parsons men had prepared a ticket headed, of course, by Parsons for chairman and otherwise made up as follows: First Vice-President, Senator Alfred R.

econd Vice-President, Julius G. Kramer of the Fourth district.

Secretary, Thomas H. Whittle of the

Thirty-fifth district. Treasurer, George Blagden of the bank-

ing firm of Clarence Dodge & Co. It was after 9 o'clock when the county committee was called together last night by William Halpin, the retiring chairman. enator Nathaniel A. Elsberg was nominated for temporary chairman. His nomihation had been agreed upon at the meeting of the executive committee, although Odell men wanted Edward Lauterbach. Parsons named Senator Elsberg, and is seconded by Clarence K. Lexow. Mr. Parsons apparently expected that

the fight against him would begin on the Continued on Second Page

'la cars on every train to Chicago. St. Louis Incumati via the New York Central Lines '13 the holiday travel, which is larger than Ade.

"YOU'RE GAME," SAID ROOSEVELT To a Good Postmaster Whom He Refused to Reappoint.

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Roosevelt has been brought face to face with his ! ecent order that Presidential postmasters who had made good officers would be re- Then the Court Awards Her #41.55 and tained regardless of the recommendations of Senators or Representatives.

Representative Charles B. Landis of Indiana had a call this week from J. A. Kautz. postmaster at Kokomo, whose first term is expiring, and fr whose successor Representative Landis had recommended E. A. Simmons, the Republican chairman in that county. Mr. Kautz was unwilling to concede Representative Landis's right to recommend his successor, in view of the President's o der. Mr. Landis took the Kokomo postmaster to the President, introduced him and commended his administration, admitting his own embarrassment

The President said frankly that he would appoint the man recommended by Mr.

"Under the circumstances, then, I acquie-ce," said Postmaster Kautz. "I wanted to understand the scope of the recent

Mr. Kautz admitted that he was in good numor and that the President then and here conferred upon him the degree of Good Fellow." The President is reported have said to Mr. Kautzthat he was "game. that he liked him for it and he ought to have

"Yes, the President said I was 'game,'" said the Kokomo man, "but I didn't get to hold on, did I?"

RAILWAYS TO STOP REBATES. ing the Government Means Disaster.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.-American railway nterests are to cooperate with the Government in enforcement of laws against rebates. This was made known and confirmed ia Chicago to-day where was completed three weeks ago the protocol for and that all she asked was that he would peace between the Government and the railways.

By January 1, it is said, the first orders oking to putting the new policy into peration will go forth from New York. This is the programme declared to have

been adopted by the roads on advice of a majority of twenty of the best known railroad attorneys for the country No renewals of contracts or secret re-

bate agreements with shippers. No extension of private car line influ-

Concerted effort to curb industrial railroads which by demanding inequitable division of freights have wrung rebates of paper, and then burn them. from the big roads for manufacturing

The reforms came on the advice of railway lawyers that to continue fighting the Government meant to invite disaster.

ALARM NEAR ST. REGIS.

Great Block of Fire Engines on Fifth Av. Fire Was in House of J. W. Curtis.

A fire alarm sent in from the box at Fiftyifth street and Fifth avenue, near the St Regis and Gotham hotels, caused Fifth avenue to be blocked with fire engines and trucks early last evening. The firemen found the blaze in neither of the hotels, but in the residence of Jeremiah W. Curtis. at 1 East Fifty-third street.

Miss Estelle Thomas, a member of the family, was dressing for dinner when the fire started in her room on the third floor. bearded was standing at the lawyers' She noticed a curtain ablaze, probably table. from contact with a gas jet, and pulled it down. But the fire had spread to other

materials and soon enveloped the room. The firemen turned on four streams of water simultaneously and put out the blaze so effectually that damage from water days." estimated by Mr. Curtis at \$5,000 was

wrou ht to the c ntents of the house. NO UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE.

Czar Refuses to Grant It, in Spite of Vote of Final Council.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN Loypon, Dec. 22.-In a despatch dated December 20 the St. Petersburg corre-March of the Sixth, Hackett of the Seventh, spondent of the Telegraph says the Czar has definitely refused to grant universal suffrage. The decision, he adds, will cause an immeasurably greater commotion throughout the length and breadth of Russia than the wildest resolutions of the leagues, and will surely raise more thorny problems than the present government can solve.

After weeks of debates, to which the zemstvoists were invited, and at which some astonishing conversions to universal suffrage were made, the final council assembled at Tsarskoe-Selo on Wednesday morning. All the members of the Cabinet were present. Count Witte was among

A majority of the council voted unhesitatingly for universal suffrage, although some members of the majority admitted that the experiment would be fraught with dangers. country demanded the concession and

that it would be very unwise to refuse it. After attentively listening to the arguments on both sides, the Czar deliberately, firmly and decisively refused to grant it. The correspondent doesn't state the rea-

promise candidate for vice-president of the YELLOW FEVER IN HAVANA. \$200,000 to Be Spent in Exterminating

Mosquito That Conveys It. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. HAVANA, Dec. 21.-Two new cases of vellow fever were reported here yesterday and one at Alacranes. President Palma has sent a message to Congress asking for a credit of \$200,000 to fight yellow fever, as the present appropriation will be expended by December 24. A bill has been presented appropriating \$200,000 to be expended in exterminating the stegomyia, the mosquito

which conveys yellow fever. MARQUIS ITO INSTALLED With Court Ceremonies as Resident-

General at Scoul. From THE SUN Correspondent at Tokio. Tokio, Dec. 21 .- There were court ceremonies this noon in connection with the installation of Marquis Ito as Resident-General at Seoul. Field Marshal Marquis Yamagata will succeed Marquis Ito as

president of the Privy Council. M. Saionji, leader of the Constitutional party, is already engaged, with the assistance of the Elder Statesmen, in organizing a Ministry to succeed the present Cabinet of Count Katsura. It is apparent that the Progressives are to go out of office.

The West Shore Railroad is the \$8,00 the to Buffal and Niagara Falls. Up the Hudson and through the Mohawk Valley.—Adv.

Bedford Sparkling Water—"The VintageWater"
Finest table water known—Retains its life.—Adv.

JURY TRIES THE COMPLAINANT

AND ACQUITS THE DEFENDANT IF SHE DID SHOOT HIM.

Pays It Out of the General Pocket Her Grief Over Her Dead Raby, Whom Her Husband Would Not Support.

There was an unusual demonstration in Judge Rosalsky's court in General Sessions vesterday when a jury without leaving their seats, acquitted Elizabeth Wilson, who had shot her husband, Edward R. Wilson, a printer She did not kill him. The jury decided that ill treatment had made her desperate and hysterical. As the husband left the courtroom he was hissed, a juror having recommended that he should be kept in jail for life. Judge, jurors, lawyers and spectators took up a collection to get the woman enough money to keep her comfortable over the holidays.

The prisoner was a stenographer when she married Wilson, who was employed by bookbinders at 122 Centre street. After her baby was born she had her husband arrested twice for non-support. The child died last summer. He had promised to pay her four dollars a week. One morning soon after the baby's death she met him going to work, and asked him for some money. He told her he had none for her She pulled out a pistol and shot him.

Policeman William Howe told on the stand that when she was arrested she cried for her dead baby. "Come along with me and I'll get you a baby," said the policeman "But they won't bring my baby back," she insisted. "They took my baby away and Attorneys Advise That to Continue Fight. they won't bring it back." She took the Tombs for Trinity Church yard and thought the baby was buried there.

Marian M. Holmes of 213 East Sixtysecond street, with whom Mrs. Wilson lived after her marriage, testified that Mrs. Wilson was madly in love with her husband, give her a home-just a room-where she ould live like other women. Once, when Mrs. Wilson had been dispossessed from her room, she had to sit on a chair all night and had to take off her own clothes to keep the baby warm. The baby died soon after, killed by exposure, Mrs. Wilson believed. She went to one of her husband's brothers to get five cents for milk for the baby, and he told her that if she was looking for charity she was in the wrong place.

After the baby's death, Mrs. Holmes said Mrs. Wilson sat in her rooms for hours with the baby's picture in front of her. She would write the name "Wilson" on strips

Three doctors testified that what the woman had gone through had unbalanced her mind. And then came her husband, the complainant.

The jury soured on him at once. He didn't know when the baby was born, and he didn't know whether it was living or dead. He was sore on the baby and sore on his wife. All this was said with a surly

"That's the prosecution's case." Assistant District Attorney Train. Judge Rosalsky made a formal charge. The foreman nedded to each of the other eleven jurors. They nodded back.

"Not guilty," said the foreman. "We would like to put this husband i iail where this woman has been, for the rest of his life," said Juror 3. Clerk Brophy-white haired and white

"I would like to make a motion." he said "If your Honor thinks it's proper I would like permission to take up a collection to get enough money so that this woman will not want over the Christmas holi-

"Motion granted," said Judge Rosalsky Three hats moved around the courtroom at once. Judge Rosalsky put in \$10. Assistant District Attorneys Train and Appleton contributed. The foreman passed his hat among the other jurors. One of the doctors who had testified went among the spectators. In all they got \$41.55.

"I think your Honor should bring the complainant back and let him see this exhibition," said Mr. Train. There was a long, powerful hiss from the back of the courtroom. Wilson had just walked out. Mrs. Wilson had fainted in the arms of Mrs. Greene, probation

officer. TOPICS, FADS AND JOHN DOE Jerome Puts in a Day With Mann, Irving and Others.

District Attorney Jerome spent a part of yesterday in talking with William D. Mann of Town Topics, Robert A. Irving, editor of the New Yorker; Robert J. Collier and James A. Burden, Jr. Irving was ar rested last week on a charge of attempted extortion, and it is expected that Mr. Burden will be a witness against him.

Mr. Jerome was unwilling to make public much of what developed. He said that All of them considered that the | Col. Mann had made charges against Collier's and Norman Hapgood, a writer for Collier's, evidently associated with the libel proceedings by Col. Mann and Justice

"On the other side," said Mr. Jerome. "charges are made against Col. Mann in the nature of a criminal offence, practically amounting to attempted extortion. Against Justice Deuel other charges are made To that Mr. Jerome would add nothing Col. Mann was accompanied by his counsel,

Edward Lauterbach. It is understood that Mr. Jerome intends to investigate pretty thoroughly the counter lication of "Fads and Fancies" by Town Topics. He may have a Grand Jury investigation.

CANVASS NEARS THE END. Injunction Against Declaring Results to

Be Removed To-day. Supreme Court Justice Giegerich signed vesterday the last of the orders in the case of the void and protested ballots in this county. The gain for Hearst is 204 votes. The canvassers finished making all the changes required by these orders, and the injunction against the return of the vote to the Board of Elections contained in the original order for the inspection of these ballots will be removed to-day.

In the Thirteenth Aldermanic district, where there is a contest between John J. Callahan, the Tammany candidate, and Patrick A. Burke, Republican and M. O. man, the protested and void ballots added one to Callahan's plurality, making him win by 18 on the certified returns. In the Thirtieth Aldermanic district the corrected reelected Alderman McCall by 55

M'CARREN WON'T BE A SENATOR. Will Not Stand for Another Nomination -Too Busy as Boss.

State Senator Patrick Henry McCarren, the leader of the Kings county Democracy. has come to the conclusion to withdraw from the State Legislature at the expiration | Mass Meeting Starts a Cry of "We Want of his present term of office. He referred to the fact at a dinner given in honor of Comptroller-elect Herman A. Metz at the Lincoln Club on Wednesday night, but the diners believed he was joking. Yesterday he said he meant what he had said.

"I have had this step in mind since my last election," said Senator McCarren yesterday. "At that time I had about decided to retire from the Senate, but circumstances arose which made it advisable for me to run again. "Now, however, I feel that I should an-

nounce definitely my intention to retire. I have not the time to give to both positions. My duties in Brooklyn need my whole attention, and I cannot conveniently spend three months each winter in Albany. So I will not take another nomination and wil let the place go to somebody else." Senator McCarren was elected three letics, and he did his best to save sports

times to the Assembly and is now closing his fourth term in the Senate. SENATOR HOAR'S MONUMENT.

The Shaft Completed. WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 21.- The Troy White Company to-day shipped the monument to be placed over the grave of George Frisbie Hoar in Concord. monument plans were drawn by Stephen . Farle in accordance with the expressed wishes of Senator Hoar.

Sentiment He Wrote Inscribed on Plase

The inscriptions are in bronze letters, which are set flush with the surface. On he north side the monument bears this inscription, which Senator Hoar himself

wrote "I have no faith in fatalism, in destiny, in blind force. I believe in God, the living God. I believe in the American people, a brave and free people, who do not bow the neck or bend the knee to any other, and who desire no other to bow the neck or bend the knee to them. I believe that a republic is greater than an empire. I believe, finally, whatever clouds may darken the horizon that the world is growing better; that today is better than yesterday, and that tomorrow will be better than to-day.

NO DISCRETION FOR TOWERMEN About Switching Trains, is the Railroad Commission's Lifea.

As a result of its investigation into the collision on the New York Central viaduct at 106th street on Tuesday night, the State Railroad Commission, it is understood, will recommend that the system of allowng towermen to use their discretion in switching trains from one track to another be abandoned, and that the management of trains shall be lodged exclusively with the train despatcher.

The commission found that the signal system was of the most modern character and worked perfectly. Ats opinion is that Tuesday's accident resulted from a combination of circumstances. One circumstance was that the engineer of the Poughkeepsie train ran by his signal, and the other that the towerman switched the other train ahead of the Poughkeepsie train on

his own initiative. A representative of Manager McCormick aid that if the commission recommends the change described it will be made, but expressed the opinion that the towermen vere as good assistants as the despatcher

ould have for that part of his work Engineer Horn of the Poughkeepsie rain decided to make no statement to the

Assistant District Attorney Cardozo es amined several witnesses vesterday in

PROPHET PUTS CITY IN PANIC. Department Store Disaster Predicted by

Thaumaturgist Hurts Trade made six weeks ago by a troupe of thaumaturgists who, under the name of "The Fays," entertained in the Providence Opera House-for three nights has caused incredible restlessness among thousands of hristmas shoppers.

The prediction was that between December 16 and 24 there would be a boiler explosion in one of the Providence department stores.

The story has spread like wildfire and to-day it is the almost universal subject of

conversation. Proprietors of the big stores are doing everything possible to allay the scares, having had special inspections of their boiler plants. To-night one of the largest stores stated in a half page advertisement. that the fires under its boilers had been drawn and that the elevators were running with electricity.

While every one admits the absurdity of the situation, yet the Christmas trade has been seriously affected.

The real danger is that a false alarm may be given in one of the stores and that the result might be disastrous in view of the nervous tension.

BEET SUGAR MEN'S PLANS UPSET. Will Get No Democratic Support Against the Philippine Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The plan of the beet sugar "insurgents" of the House to frustrate the passage of the Philippine tariff bill because of the reduction in duty charges made in connection with the pub- on Philippine sugar was upset to-day by a Buildings, Samuel Greenblatt, \$4,000; Sudecision reached by the House leaders. The "insurgents" had hoped for the support of the solid Democratic minority in opposing a rule which they expected would be reported shutting off all amendments. To-day it was agreed that no rule would be \$1,500.

George Hermann is a dealer in butter George Hermann is a dealer in butter that any amendment to the bill affecting the general tariff would not be germane, and under the rules would be subject to a point

This course will leave the Democrats nothing to do but to relieve themselves of some tariff talk while the measure is up for general debate and the "insurgents" only the opportunity of recording their votes against the bill. At the same time it insures the passage of the bill without serious difficulty just as reported from the

Chinese-Japanese Treaty Signed.

committee.

From THE SUN Correspondent at Pekin. PEKIN, Dec. 21.-The Chinese-Japanese treaty was signed between 11 and 12 o'clock this morning.

Electric Lamps, Flashlights, Candles, Xmas Tree Lighting Outlits, Motors, STANLEY & PATTER-SON, 40 Cortlandt st. - Adv.

PRESIDENT BUTLER HISSED

COLUMBIA STUDENTS ANGRY AT STOPPING ATHLETICS.

Football!" and Gives Free Play to Feelings Toward the Faculty-College Daily Paper Appears in Mourning. Columbia's students yesterday gave a demonstration of their feeling on the

faculty's action against football and in-

tercollegiate athletic competitions. Presi-

dent Butler was hissed and booed by 1,500

men gathered in the university gymnasium for the underclass cane sprees. Besides representatives of all classes, many members of the faculty were present. Before the sprees began some one started a cry of "We want football!" This was taken up and repeated in a huge, rolling chorus for more than five minutes A cheer for "Van Am," as the dean of the college, Prof. Van Amringe, is known, was started. He is the one member of the faculty who is most in sympathy with ath-

for the students at the recent meeting of the university council. The cheers were given heartily. Then a voice from the gallery proposed cheers for Dr. Butler. At once a perfect uproar of hisses broke forth, and for twice the length of time that the football cry had lasted the president was hissed and booed.

After the sprees the students filed out on the campus behind the library. At a given signal a group of about thirty started a cry of "To hell with Butler!" This, too, seemed popular and was taken up by many

President Butler vesterday appointed two committees of nine men each from the officers of instruction and from the alumni to get to work and carry out his plan of wiping out what he terms objectionable features of sport. The committee from the faculty is composed of Profs. Kemp (chairman), Kirchwey, Lord, Bogert, Wood, Odell, Meylan, Mitchell and Pretty-

F. S. Bangs, who has taken a promi nent part in athletic management, notably rowing, at Columbia, is not an alumni member. This committee is made up of G. T. Kirby, '95 (chairman); Isaac N Seligman, '76; William T. Lawson, George B. Post, '86; Edwin Gould, '88; Willard V. King, '89; Albert W. Putnam, '97; A. B. A. Bradley, '02, and Robert Le Roy, '05, In writing to the members of these committees Dr. Butler says: "The action which the university authorities have taken in reference to the present game of football is but the first step in the development of a constructive policy which has for its aim the reformation of abuses which have crept into intercollegiate athletics, and the working out of a plan which will encourage the widest possible participation of the student body in athletic sports, but which will make and keep participation in such sports subordinate to the main purposes for which the university exists, namely the upbuilding of intelligence and the development of character.

The Columbia Spectator, the college daily, came out yesterday morning with a black border and all the columns divided by heavy black rules. An editorial points statement of the council's meeting and is the frankest criticism that a student publication ever has expressed of the

Yesterday about noon, when Dr. Butler ing the Hudson River, several students strolled over to the big flagpole in view of his office and hauled down the flag so that it was flying at half mast. They were pursued by a proctor, who tried to get their names to report to the superintendent. Later John May, a strapping six footer, was placed as guard for the

The students will hold a mass meeting this noon in Earl Hall, just before vacation begins, and consider plans to change the PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 21. A prophecy | faculty rulings. It is understood that many of the men say that they will not return after vacation unless the council and Dr. Butler show more consideration for the student desires.

CANNON'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT. Homespun Cloth From a Constituent to

Re Made Into an English Walking Coat. Washington, Dec. 21.-Uncle Joe Canon expects to appear in the House after the holiday recess in a homespun frock of gray. The Speaker has received several vards of homespun handwoven fabric from a rural constituent of the Danville district, whose wife spun and wove the cloth from wool grown on the backs of her husband's sheep. It is heavy winter goods of the finest texture, and was sent to the Speaker as a Christmas present. Mr. Cannon has help last night and was told that there was taken the cloth to a Washington tailor, who has measured him for an English walking ing the tracks at 105th street. Brennar coat with long tails and a moderately low

COLER MAKES APPOINTMENTS. Some Men Who Will Have Much to Learn

Borough President-elect Bird S. Coler of Brooklyn handed out a few Christmas presents in the nature of appointments yesterday. They are as follows: Comrissioner of Public Works, Desmond Dunne. salary, \$6,000; Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, George Hermann, \$5,000; Superintendent of Buildings, David Moore, \$5,000; Deputy Superintendent of perintendent of Sewers, James Dunne, \$5,000; Superintendent of Public Buildings, Joseph Lawrence, \$5,000; secretary to the Superintendent of Public Buildings, John \$2,500; confidential secretary Borough President, John C. McGroarty,

and eggs and comes from the Twentieth Assembly district. David F. Moore is at present an inspector in the Bureau of Buildings at \$1,800 a year, and hails from the Twenty-first Assembly district. Samue Greenblatt is 25 years old and is a dealer in trimmings in the Fifteenth Assembly district and has never had any experience in the building trade. Mr. Lawrence comes from the Thirteenth Assembly district and Mr. Anderson is at present in Mr. Coler's appointed to the control of the control o employ. James Dunne, who is appointed as Superintendent of Sewers, has never had any experience in the plumbing business. He lives in the Third Assembly dis hess. He lives in the limit assembly dis-trict and was first appointed Under Sheriff by Sheriff-elect Flaherty at the request of Mr. Coler. Mr. Coler, however, failed to appoint some of Mr. Flaherty's friends, and then the latter withdrew Mr. Dunne's

name.
Robert Stewart has been appointed counsel for County Clerk-elect Charles T. Hartzheim. The salary is \$3,500. Mr. Hartzheim will name his other assistants

MCURDY DEEDS PROPERTY. Wife of Former Insurance President Holds

All His Morristown Real Estate. Morristown, N. J., Dec. 21.- Deeds were placed on record to-day in the Morris County Clerk's office transferring all the real estate in this city and Morris Plains of Richard | They're Party Wreckers, He Says-Wads-A. McCurdy to his wife, Sarah E. McCurdy. Although every effort was made by Mr McCurdy, his attorneys and the county clerk to keep the matter from the newspapers, it became known this noon. Inspection of the deeds was at first denied because of a request from the former Mutual Life

president. Written across the face of the instruments was "Not for the newspapers." The reason for the transfer could not be learned. It is rumored that Mr. McCurdy is much worried. His health is failing and he fears something will happen. No one can see him but his family, and since the signing of the deeds, which occurred on Monday, his son, Robert H. McCurdy, has vacated his Morris Plains residence and gone to New York for the winter. This is thought to be strange, as Mr. McCurdy made a visit to his son's home every day when the weather and his physician per-

mitted. Mr. McCurdy was possessed of nearly a million dollars worth of property in Morristown and Morris Plains. The McCurdy mansion on South street. Morristown, is valued at over half a million of dollars, and he has extensive barns and hothouses some distance from his residence. The property was deeded to Robert H. McCurdy and from him to his mother.

MAYOR OFF TO PRINCETON. Will Have His State Ready When He Comes

Back Next Week. Mayor McClellan will go to Princeton to-day to pass Christmas. It is not likely that he will come back to town before Wednesday. On that day he expects to receive his certificate of election. While he is at Princeton he will complete his slate, and he intimated yesterday that he would be prepared to make it known just as soon as he got his certificate.

A delegation of the National Association of Union Veterans called on the Mayor yesterday and asked him to appoint Col. Thomas F. Egan, their president, as Police Commissioner. The Mayor said he would take the suggestion under consideration.

A COLUMN OF SMOKE AT SEA Sent Up by a Burning Coal Barge That Once Was the Bark Artel.

A tall column of smoke five miles off shore impelled observers at Atlantic City yesterday afternoon to guess that a steamship was afire. The conjecture got to this city as a fact and it was in print when the report ame up the coast that the burning vessel was the coal barge Baker, owned by the Powelton Barge Company of 29 Broadway. The Baker passed out at Sandy Hook on

Wednesday with another barge in tow of the ocean tug Sea King, bound south for The skipper of the Sea King took coal. off the Baker's crew after they had made a vain effort to put out the blaze and then sent word of the accident to the barge company. The Absecom life saving crew, after a long and tiresome row, got to the Baker and found her burned to the water's edge and the Sea King not in sight.

The Baker was named for the secretary of bark Ariel.

GRISCOM TO BE AMBASSADOR.

He Will Not Return to Toklo, but Will Be Named for the Brazilian Mission. Washington, Dec. 21. Lloyd C. Griscom, United States Minister to Japan, who is now in Washington on a leave of absence is not expected to return to Tokio. Instead he will be appointed Ambassador to Brazil succeeding David E. Thompson of Nebraska. Whether Mr. Thompson will go to Mexico as Ambassador to fill the ex isting vacancy there is not known. With the promotion of Mr. Griscom to Brazil there will be vacancies in the missions to Mexico, Japan and, when that post is created, to Norway. The President and Mr. Root have determined upon who shall be named for the various places, but they will not be announced until the nomina-

tions are sent to the Senate after the holi COP SLIDES DOWN A ROPE

From N. Y. Central Viaduct to Rescue a Man Whom Three Were Beating. Policeman Brennan of the East 104th street station, on post at the 110th street stairway to the viaduct, heard cries for

a row among the laborers at work repair

climbed to the tracks and ran down to 105th street, where he found that the fight was going on in the street below. He looked over the wall and saw three men beating a fourth. Brennan didn't think there would be anything left of the man if he stopped to hunt a stairway

so he caught up a rope lying near and mak ing it fast slid down to the street He found John Costello, Dennis Hoar and John Monahan giving a fine beating to Frank Marcio. Brennan marched the lot to the station house, where they all charged each other with assault and were locked up.

DR. BUCKLEY'S POCKET PICKED. Would Have Preferred to Lose Something

Less Tangible Than His Wallet. MORRISTOWN, N. J., Dec. 21.-When the Rev. Dr. James M. Buckley, editor of the Christian Advocate, was asked for his ticket last night on a Lackawanna train, known as the Commuters Club Train, which leaves New York at 4 o'clock, he couldn't find his wallet, containing \$25. The conductor saw him nervously fumbling about his pockets and wearing a troubled look.

"What's the matter, doctor?" said the conductor, smiling, "lost an argument?" "Worse than that," said Dr. Buckley, "I could overcome that with a story, but ! have been taken unawares and relieved of

some of my earthly possessions." Friends went to the doctor's aid, and h got to Morristown all right. When the robbery was reported to the railroad official it was learned that several commuters had sustained similar losses of late, and detectives have been put on the important express trains out of Hoboken.

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Version of Odell's Switch to Depew -"Two Sentle Old Men at Washington." B. B. Odell, Jr., chairman of the Republican State committee, shouted out yesterday an attack on President Roosevelt and Gov. Higgins. When he made his attack he talked so rapidly that he was almost in-

coherent. He said "I charge Gov. Higgins with duplicity, the worst case of duplicity I have ever encountered in politics. I will tell the true story of the Speakership contest, and I will challenge the Governor to contradict it Assemblyman Merritt told the exact truth when he said that Mr. Higgins had practically agreed to his election as Speaker. Soon after the election I had a talk with the Governor and asked him whom he favored for the Speakership. He went over the ground fully and eliminated all the candidates except Merritt. He asked me to put certain questions to Merritt and report the answers to him. I did so, and the Governor assured me that the answers were quite satisfactory. It was clearly understood then that Mr. Merritt would have the support of the Governor, and Mr. Merritt went on with

his canvass with that understanding. "Therefore I was never so surprised in my life as when I heard that Higgins had come out for Wadsworth. He switched his rolley without a word of warning. It was the worst case of duplicity I have ever seen in politics. If the Governor did not want Merritt or did want anybody else he could have obtained what he wished by expressing his wish. But he preferred a course of duplicity and factional war.

Now, as to the Washington end of it. A coatless and collarless man, J. Slott Fassett, William Barnes, Jr., George W. Dunn and a few other fellows with sora thumbs went to Washington, saw the President, and started this trouble in conjunction with Higgins. Those soreheads appealed to the President and Wadsworth was brought out as a candidate.

"The President adopted a course that is calculated to bring disaster to the party. If he had at heart the interests of the party he would have made an effort to bring about peace, not war. He would have sent for me, told me what he desired, and I would have been glad to promote any movement to reorganize or reform the party. If that had been done this trouble would not have occurred; there would be no factional warfare now.

"I charge the President and Gov. Higgins with deliberately trying to wreck the party to promote their personal ambition, and I challenge them to answer the charge. If there comes a party disaster next year they will be responsible, not I and my friends.

"I charge Gov. Higgins with ingratitude

too. Higgins certainly owes me some-

thing. The Roosevelt and Higgins idea of harmony is to knock heads, and they are responsible for any party disaster that may follow the knocking." Mr. Odell made the foregoing statement early in the day. Last night, at the Republican Club, he added a charge of "du-

olicity" against the President. He said: "Last year, when the question of a successor to Senator Depew came up, I went to Washington and saw the President. He said to me 'that the State of New York the barge company. She was built in Nor- should not be represented in the Senate of the United States by two senile old men He said: 'We ought to have a man who could speak with credit in the Senate and could command the respect and attention of the country-such a man as Black, for

"I said to him: 'I understand that you are for Black, then, instead of Depew?" He said: 'I am.' Then I said: 'Do you want me to be for Black instead of Depew?

'I hope so.' said the President. When I returned from Washington I had a talk with Gov. Higgins and he agreed with the President: Finding that both were agreed in the matter I decided to sound the Senators and Assemblymen. I did so and was making progress when Senator Platt called a conference at the Fifth Avenue Hotel in the interests of Senator Depew. I was amazed to find that the backbone of that conference was composed of Federal and State officeholders. I found out afterward that these people were there with the consent of the President and Gov. Higgins, and believing that the President had deserted the cause he had asked me to espouse I determined not to oppose Senator Depew for reelection, as the result of that conference was to increase the trend toward Depew.

Odell was asked about the meeting of the twenty-five Assemblymen to be held at the Hotel Cadillac this morning. He said: "I did not call the meeting, and I am not bothering about it. I want to say right here that I do not believe that Wadsworth can be elected Speaker. I predict that he will be defeated.

"Do you think Merritt can be elected?" "I do not care to predict who will be elected, but I say that Wadsworth will not

After Odell had talked with Gov. Higgins at the Hotel Manhattan on Friday last he left the Governor and issued this statement "Whatever Gov. Higgins wants he should have. Any man he indorses for Speaker of the Assembly should be elected. not? Gov. Higgins is responsible for all the legislation effected under him as Governor, and any instrument he thinks is necessary to permit him to obtain his ends should be given him."

"Even a renomination?" Odell was asked. Yes, if he wants it," replied Odell.

The foregoing statement was printed for Odell in all of the New York city newspapers, including the Tribune. Odell, several of his followers said last night, believes that he is powerful enough to start a stalwart half-breed movement in the State, but diligent investigation says he has no following to speak of among the rank and file of the party and has but a small part of the Republican State machine which he can call his own. He will not be able to call even that small part his own very much longer, according to the same expert

political testimony. Republicans discussed last night with some amusement Senator Malby's threat to bring impeachment proceedings against Gov. Higgins because Gov. Higgins had suggested the name of Assemblyman Wadsworth for Speaker. These Republicans also discussed the meeting of the Odell-Merritt Republican members of the

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